



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68077

Masaru DEGUCHI

Appln. No.: 10/046,095

Group Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No.: 2414

Examiner: Nguyen, Phuongchi T

Filed: January 16, 2002

For: EARTH CONNECTION STRUCTURE, EARTH CONNECTING MEMBER AND EARTH CONNECTION METHOD

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | | | | | | |
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| All Claims | 35 | - | 30 | = | 5 | X | \$18.00 | = | \$90.00 |
| Independent | 9 | - | 7 | = | 2 | X | \$86.00 | = | \$172.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | = | \$262.00 |

A check for the statutory fee of \$262.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004, please amend the above-
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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